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1. APART FROM HONORS CEREMONY AT US HEADQUARTERS, ONLY OCCASIONS INVOLVING GUEST LISTS WILL BE LUNCH AT SCHLOSS CHARLOTTENBURG AND GOLDEN BOOK CEREMONY AT RATHAUS SCHONEBERG. LATTER FUNCTION WILL INVOLVE AROUND 400 INVITEES. LUNCH, HOWEVER, WILL BE RELATIVELY INTIMATE AFFAIR WITH, AS NOTED IN PREVIOUS TELS, ONLY 60 GUESTS AT MAIN TABLE IN OAK GALLERY.

2. NOW THAT VISIT HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED, SENAT IS ANXIOUS TO ISSUE INVITATIONS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. THEY HAVE PLANNED TENTATIVELY ON VICE PRESIDENT AND PARTY TAKING TEN PLACES AT TABLE. UNTIL WE KNOW COMPOSITION OF VICE PRESIDENT'S PARTY, HOWEVER, PARTICULARLY PERSONS WHO SHOULD SIT AT MAIN TABLE AT LUNCH, WE UNALBE AGREE TO SENAT ISSUING INVITATIONS AND HENCE UNABLE DETERMINE WHO WILL BE ON FINAL GUEST LIST FOR LUNCH (APART FROM OBVIOUS SUCH AS GOVMAYOR SCHUETZ, PRESIDENT LORENZ, AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND, AND ALLIED COMMANDANTS AND DEPUTY COMMANDANTS WITH WIVES). WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE LEARNING ASAP COMPOSITION OF VICE PRESIDENT'S PARTY AND WHICH MEMBERS TO SIT IN OAK GALLERY. GEORGE

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